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SUBJECT: JEWISH CLAIMS AGAINST GDR: TRAVEL OF BENJAMIN

- . FERENCZ

1. BENJAMIN FERENCZ OF THE CONFERENCE OF JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS INTENDS TO VISIT BERLIN ON MAY 19-21, DURING WHICH HE PLANS TO CALL ON OTTO FUNCKE, CHIEF SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE OF ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE FIGHTERS (UNTER DER LINDEN 12, 108 BERLIN) FOR A DISCUSSION OF JEWISH CLAIMS. FERENCZ STRESSED THAT THE MEETING IS IN NO WAY INTENDED TO BE A FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATING SESSION TO HIS EARLIER VISIT. HE VIEWS IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, INCLUDING AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT MEETING WOULD BE ARRANGED SOON BETWEEN DR. GOLDMAN AND HONECKER TO DISCUSS FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH "PRIVATE" TALKS COULD PROCEED.

2. FERENCZ REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING
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APPOINTMENT WITH FUNCKE ON MAY 20 OR 21. WE TOLD FERENCZ THAT WHILE WE WERE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT WITH FUNCKE, WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO KEEP THE TALKS IN PRIVATE CHANNELS

THAT HE SEND A CABLE TO FUNCKE CONCERNING HIS PLANS.
FERENCZ SAID HE WOULD DO SO.

3. FERENCZ WILL CONTACT DCM GROVE OR POLITICAL OFFICER
NENNO AFTER ARRIVAL IN BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH
APPOINTMENT.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT FUNCKE'S OFFICE DAY OR TWO
PRIOR TO MAY 20 TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT MAKING CLEAR
THAT WE ARE NOT INVOLVING OURSELVES IN THE TALKS BUT
ONLY CARRYING OUT A FACILITATIVE SERVICE ON BEHALF OF
A US CITIZEN. KISSINGER

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